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71-04-03-01. Enrollment. Public employees may enroll in the deferred compensation plan by completing a participant agreement and submitting the agreement to the retirement board. The employee must also complete the necessary forms required by the provider and submit them to the retirement board for signature by the plan administrator.

History: Effective April 1, 1989.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02

Law Implemented: NDCC 54-52.2-03

71-04-03-02. Effective date of deferrals. All deferrals are effective the payroll period ending in the month following the month in which the deferral is authorized. Deferrals cannot be authorized during the month in which income is being earned and a deferral is being requested.

History: Effective April 1, 1989.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02

Law Implemented: NDCC 54-52.2-03; IRC 457(b)(4)

71-04-03-03. Change in monthly deferral. A participant may change the amount of deferral at any time, as long as a participant agreement is completed and filed with the retirement board as set forth in section 71-04-03-02.

History: Effective April 1, 1989. General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02

Law Implemented: NDCC 54-52.2-03; IRC 457(b)(4)

71-04-03-04. Change in beneficiary. The participant may change the primary or contingent beneficiary at any time by contacting the participant's designated provider representative.

History: Effective April 1, 1989; amended effective May 1, 2004.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02 **Law Implemented:** NDCC 54-52.2-03

71-04-03-05. Unforeseeable emergency. A participant who, prior to separation from service, experiences an unforeseeable emergency as defined in

section 71-04-01-01 may apply for a partial distribution of the participant's deferred compensation account to the extent reasonably needed to satisfy the financial need. The participant may make application by completing a financial hardship form and delivering it to the retirement board offices.

History: Effective April 1, 1989; amended effective July 1, 1994; April 1, 2002.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 54-52.2-03.2 **Law Implemented:** NDCC 54-52.2-03, 54-52.2-03.2

71-04-03-06. Termination of participation. Participation in the plan may be terminated at any time by completion of a participant agreement indicating an elimination of monthly deferrals.

History: Effective April 1, 1989; amended effective July 1, 1994; April 1, 2002;

May 1, 2004.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 54-52.2-03.2 **Law Implemented:** NDCC 54-52.2-03, 54-52.2-03.2

71-04-03-07. Distribution of assets. Distribution of assets may be made only upon separation from service as defined in section 71-04-01-01, or in accordance with section 71-04-03-05 or 71-04-08-01.

History: Effective May 1, 2004.

General Authority: NDCC 28-32-02, 54-52-03.2 **Law Implemented:** NDCC 54-52.2-03, 54-52.2-03.2